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INFORMATION REPORT

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		<u>Domestic</u>	<u>Imported</u>	<u>Total</u>
1. Fine bar steel (to 30 mm):				
Willi Becker	11,326			
Finow	7,617			
Hennigsdorf	9,863			
Riesa	<u>12,560</u>	41,366	5,365	46,731
2. Heavy bar steel (over 30 mm):				
Finow	6,533			
Hennigsdorf	2,066			
Maxhuetten	10,386			
Riesa	<u>34,022</u>	53,007	4,585	57,592
3. Warm-rolled strip:				
Riesa	22,374			
Kable-Oberspre	<u>3,900</u>	26,274	521	26,795
4. Alloyed steels:				
Finow	348			
Doehlen	1,287			
Hennigsdorf	<u>2,260</u>	3,895	-	3,895
5. Heavy sheet:				
Willi Becker	35,008			
Maxhuetten	2,997			
Ilseburg	18,035			
Auerhammer	2,807			
Hettstedt	<u>43,104</u>	101,951	50,564	152,515

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6. Medium sheet:				
Auerhammer	3,304			
Olbernhau	5,758			
Hettstedt	<u>3,775</u>	12,837	6,374	19,211
7. Electric special steel sheet:				
Thale	3,570			
Burg	1,121			
Olbernhau	<u>1,722</u>	6,413	-	6,413
8. Transformer sheet:				
Thale	1,310			
Burg	1,276			
Olbernhau	<u>732</u>	4,318 ¹ / ₂	251	4,569
9. Pickled sheet:				
Hettstedt	1,839			
Thale	<u>12,803</u>	14,642	4,697	19,339
10. Automobile body sheet:				
Thale	<u>266</u>	266	-	266
11. Fine sheet:				
Thale	34,469			
Burg	3,827			
Olbernhau	<u>1,857</u>	40,153	2,230	42,383
12. Profile to 18 cm:				
Maxhuetten	8,771			
Riesa	6,028			
Hennigsdorf	<u>1,202</u>	16,001	1,387	17,388
13. Profile over 18 cm:				
Maxhuetten	<u>14,865</u>	14,865	9,215	24,080
14. Standard rails:				
Maxhuetten	<u>14,344</u>	14,344	1,143	15,487
15. Mine rails:				
Maxhuetten	2,710			
Riesa	561			
Hennigsdorf	<u>103</u>	3,374	-	3,374
16. Billets for forging:				
Maxhuetten	15,414			
Riesa	12,468			
Hennigsdorf	<u>10,083</u>	37,965	-	37,965
17. Wheel disks and rims:				
Groeditz	<u>10,351</u>	10,351	2,962	13,313

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		<u>Domestic</u>	<u>Imported</u>	<u>Total</u>
18. Butt-welded threaded pipe:				
Riesa	<u>8,832</u>	8,832	189	9,021
19. Seamless boiler pipe:				
Riesa	<u>6,606</u>	6,606	21,647	28,253
20. Seamless and butt-welded precision steel pipe:				
Faradid	<u>1,530</u>	1,530	1,513	3,043
21. Rolled wire:				
Hennigsdorf	12,680			
KWO	2,033			
Hettstedt	5,833			
Willi Becker	<u>4,247</u>	24,793	5,414	30,207
22. Bright steel:				
Fraema	5,824			
Delitzsch	4,161			
Brotterode	2,248			
Ziehwerk Berlin	2,231			
Mitscherling	<u>219</u>	14,683	442	15,125
23. Cold-rolled strip:				
Oranienburg	1,259			
Salzungen	1,699			
Hettstedt	3,587			
Faradid	2,762			
KWO	386			
MEWA & TEWA	<u>504</u>	10,197	568	10,765
24. Spring strip steel:	"	-	100	100
25. Silver steel:	"	-	111	111
26. Can strip:				
Hettstedt	<u>401</u>	401	-	<u>401</u>

Total East German production, including imports, during period 1 January to 30 April 1953:

588,342 tons ^{2/3}

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1. Comment: The production quota for transformer sheets should read 3,318 instead of 4,318 with a resulting total amount of available transformer sheets of 3,569 instead of 4,569.

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2. Comment: While the total amount of steel products quoted in the annex was 588,342 tons during the period from January to April 1953, the amount for the corresponding period in 1952 was 639,419 tons. The imports amounted to 119,278 tons in 1953 as compared with 127,182 tons in 1952, thus involving a decrease of about 8,000 tons. The production decreased by about 19,000 tons for steel bars; about 7,000 tons for sections up to 18 cm; and by about 9,000 tons for mine rails, while it increased by 25,000 tons for heavy sheet; 4,000 tons for medium sheet; 3,000 tons for fine sheet; 1,000 tons for sections above 18 cm; 1,000 tons for forging billets; 1,000 tons for welded

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thread pipe; 1,000 tons for seamless boiler pipe; 14,000 tons for rolled wire; 3,000 tons for bright steel; 2,000 tons for cold rolled bands; 4,000 tons for steel alloys; and 2,000 tons for electric special steel sheets. The present report contains no information on the production of foundry pipe, which amounted to 39,000 tons during the respective period in 1952.

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3. Comment: The steel amounts quoted by DHZ Metallurgie do not always check with the quantities actually produced by the steel works and rolling mills of the Ministry for Metallurgy and Ore Mining during the respective period. The total production of rolled products, including semi-finished products for forges and presses, amounted to 279,253 tons during the first quarter of 1953, as compared with 239,065 tons during this period in 1952.

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